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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1976

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE
BUREAUS. EA, EUR, NEA, H, PM AND ARA DID NOT SUBMIT
REPORTS.

:F - WILLIAM E. SCHAUFELE, JR.

PEYTON: OUR FORMER AMBASSADOR TO CAMEROON 1967-69,
ROBERT PEYTON DROPPED IN. HE HAS BEEN A COLLEGE PRESIDENT
SINCE THEN BUT IS OBVIOUSLY ANGLING FOR A RETURN TO
DIPLOMATIC LIFE.

SPAIN: JIM SPAIN, OUR AMBASSADOR TO TANZANIA, WHO IS HERE
ON CONSULTATION, CAME IN FOR A COURTESY CALL.

IAN SMITH CONFIDES TO AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN: MR. E. F.
ANDREWS OF ALLEGHENY LUDLUM INDUSTRIES CALLED ON TALCOTT
SEELYE TO DISCUSS RHODESIAN DEVELOPMENTS. ANDREWS SAID
THAT IAN SMITH TELEPHONED HIM ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO TO ASSURE
HIM THAT HE HAD NO TRICKS UP HIS SLEEVE AND WAS DEFINITELY
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PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT. SMITH SAID THAT HE

CONSIDERED HIS DECISION REGARDING INDEPENDENCE FOR RHODESIA UNDER MAJORITY RULE IRREVERSIBLE. ANDREWS REPORTED SMITH'S VIEW THAT SMITH FELT OBLIGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT AS NECESSARY ASSURANCE TO THE RHODESIAN WHITES THAT THEIR INTERESTS WOULD BE PROTECTED. SMITH ALSO TOLD ANDREWS THAT HE HAD LEFT GENEVA EARLY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE HE KNEW THAT THE BLACK NATIONALIST LEADERS NEEDED THE TIME TO LET OFF STEAM IN THE FORM OF RHETORICAL STATEMENTS, AND THAT HE HAD ALWAYS INTENDED TO RETURN. ANDREWS EXPRESSED HIS OPINION THAT THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD TOLERATE, ALBEIT RELUCTANTLY, A BRITISH ROLE IN THE TRANSITION PERIOD -- INCLUDING EVEN CONTROL OF THE ARMED FORCES, BUT WOULD MUCH PREFER TO HAVE THE U.S. OR SOUTH AFRICA INVOLVED.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NONE.

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EB - JULIUS L. KATZ

1. MEAT IMPORTS. I HAVE SPENT MUCH OF THE WEEK IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE 12 COUNTRIES WHO EXPORT MEAT TO US. OUR OBJECTIVE OF SECURING VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS WITH EACH OF THEM, INCLUDING CANADA, BY THE END OF THE WEEK LOOKS LIKE IT MIGHT SUCCEED. WE ARE TRYING TO ADJUST THE NUMBERS SLIGHTLY SO AS TO IMPROVE THE POSITION OF THE LATINS AND TIE THE CANADIANS TOMORROW. IF OUR EFFORTS WITH THE LATINS AND CANADIANS TOMORROW ARE SUCCESSFUL, WE WILL BE ABLE TO REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT BY THE 15TH, AS WE HAD PLANNED, THAT THE VOLUNTARY PROGRAM CAN BE IN PLACE BY THE START OF THE NEW YEAR.

2. TRADE POLICY COMMITTEE. I ACCOMPANIED BILL ROGERS TO A TRADE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING CHAIRED BY FRED DENT WHICH REVIEWED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRADE ACT, THE STATUS OF THE MTN AND WAYS OF ADVANCING THE NEGOTIATIONS IN 1977, AND TRADE RELATIONS AMONG JAPAN, THE U.S., AND THE EC. (DENT ABANDONED HIS INTENTION TO BADGER THE JAPS ABOUT THEIR TRADE POLICY.) DENT INTENDS TO PREPARE A REPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT WHICH MIGHT BE MADE PUBLIC. WE

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WILL INSIST ON SEEING IT BEFORE IT IS SUBMITTED.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NONE

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-- I ADVISED HUMMEL ON ARRANGEMENTS WITH JUSTICE FOR MEETING WITH KOREAN DEFECTOR.

-- I REVIEWED LEGAL MEMORANDUM ON LEGAL REQUIREMENT UNDER U.S. LAW FOR GRANT OF MFN TREATMENT TO HUNGARY, A SUBJECT RAISED WHEN ELLIOT RICHARDSON WAS IN BUDAPEST.

-- ALDRICH REVIEWED THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE US/IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT SHOULD BE A TREATY OR AN EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT. THE AGREEMENT WOULD PROVIDE FOR IAEA INSPECTORS IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE U.S. NUCLEAR FACILITIES. THE LEGAL BASIS FOR DOING THIS BY EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT IS VERY WEAK, AND WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT A FINAL DECISION BE DEFERRED UNTIL CONGRESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS CAN BE HELD.

-- ALDRICH REVISED AND APPROVED GUIDANCE FOR OUR NATO DELEGATION CONCERNING A GERMAN REQUEST FOR A NATO STUDY OF THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE OF THE DRAFT PROTOCOL BEING DEVELOPED IN THE CONFERENCE ON THE LAWS OF WAR.

-- FELDMAN MET WITH JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ATTORNEYS TO CONSIDER THE PENTAGON PAPERS FOI CASE. THE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE TO DECIDE BY MONDAY HOW TO RESPOND TO HALPERIN'S REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF INTERNAL MEMORANDA AND CORRESPONDENCE WITH JUSTICE LEADING TO THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PAPERS INTO EVIDENCE IN THE ELLSBERG PROSECUTION.

-- SCHWEBEL REVIEWED WITH TEXACO PROBLEMS IN U.S. ESPOUSAL OF THE ERDOL CLAIM WHICH, WHEN IT AROSE, WAS NOT THAT OF AN AMERICAN NATIONAL, AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT'S DISPOSITION TO LEND POLITICAL SUPPORT TO ESPOUSAL OF ERDOL'S CLAIM AGAINST SYRIA BY THE FRG.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NONE.

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IO - LEWIS

1. MIDDLE EAST RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED BY OVERWHELMING MARGINS THE TWO ARAB RESOLUTIONS ON THE MIDDLE EAST. THE EGYPTIAN RESOLUTION PASSED 122-2(US, ISRAEL)-8, WHILE THE SYRIAN RESOLUTION PASSED 91-11(US)-29. THE EC-9 VOTED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE EGYPTIAN RESOLUTION, BUT SPLIT BETWEEN ABSTENTIONS AND NEGATIVE VOTES ON THE SYRIAN DRAFT. AS EXPECTED, AMBASSADOR HERZOG WITHDREW THE ISRAELI RESOLUTION BEFORE THE VOTE, COMMENTING THAT ISRAEL HAD ACHIEVED ITS PURPOSE BY MAKING CLEAR

ITS READINESS TO GO TO GENEVA.

2. IRAQI ARMS PROBLEM

AMBASSADOR BENNETT MET TODAY WITH THE IRAQI PERMREP (AL-SHAIKHLY) IN NEW YORK TO ASK FOR THE RETURN OF THE 100 SUB-MACHINE GUNS THAT THE IRAQIS HAD ILLEGALLY ACQUIRED. AL-SHAIKHLY, AFTER GIVING A RATHER LAME EXPLANATION OF HOW THE IRAQIS HAD ACQUIRED THE WEAPONS, AGREED TO RETURN 70 OF THEM. HE DENIED POSSESSION OF THE OTHER 30 BUT AGREED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER WHEN CONFRONTED WITH A BILL OF LADING WHICH PROVED THAT 100 WERE DELIVERED TO THE IRAQI MISSION. WE HAVE BRIEFED THE UN SECRETARIAT OF THE CASE. MOST OF THE DETAILS APPEARED IN A WASHINGTON STAR ARTICLE THIS EVENING.

3. ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NONE . ROBINSON

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